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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/903,710

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For: METHOD OF PREPARING LIQUID COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERY OF N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL-L-ALPHA-ASPARTYL]-L-PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL ESTER IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE SYSTEMS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Some of the cited references were listed in an International Search Report corresponding to the above-identified case. A copy of that report is included herewith. Additionally, several of the listed patents correspond to pending applications cited in the specification of this case.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed For/ PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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